

# SWOSU Biology Students Win Awards at Tri-Beta Convention

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Southwestern Oklahoma State University's Tri-Beta chapter recently planned and hosted the 2012 Tri Beta South Central Regional Convention at the Biological Field Station located on Lake Texoma Lake.

Students from 15 universities representing Oklahoma, Arkansas and Texas attended the conference.

Several SWOSU students won awards at the convention, including:

- Erica Benda, Union City, first place, Frank G. Brooks Award for Oral Presentation (won a \$750 stipend to attend the national convention in Puerto Rico this month)
- Lakesha Seals, Tulsa, third place, Frank G. Brooks Award for Oral Presentation
- Nathan Bernhardt, Thomas, third place, John C. Johnson Award for Poster

SWOSU's chapter also won the Outstanding District One Chapter Award for universities in Oklahoma and Arkansas and was one of six chapters in the region to win a National Outstanding Chapter Award. The chapter's scrapbook, led by the efforts of Mandi Foutch of Seiling, won second place in the Chapter History Award competition. And, SWOSU student Tim Stein of Enid (Kremlin-Hillsdale) was elected the South Central Region parliamentarian for 2012-2013.

Sue Ball, faculty advisor for Tri-Beta, said the students who attended the conference worked very hard to make sure all details were worked out in advance to ensure everything was run in a professional manner. Help for the conference was provided by funds from the SWOSU Allocation Committee.